

**CHARACTERISTICS OF SNAP HOUSEHOLDS**  
**Mississippi Congressional District 1**

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**Mississippi Congressional District 1**

Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	41,557	246,897	288,454
With one or more people 60 years and over	24.3%	37.1%	35.3%
With children under 18 years	59.3%	32.0%	35.9%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>			
Below poverty level	58.2%	11.8%	18.5%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>			
White	46.1%	77.1%	72.7%
Black or African American	50.2%	20.7%	25.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	1.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Two or more races	2.1%	0.8%	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	2.2%	1.9%	1.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	45.0%	76.1%	71.6%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>			
Median income (dollars)	\$15,998	\$44,888	\$39,515
<b>WORK STATUS</b>			
Families	32,244	173,484	205,728
No workers in past 12 months	26.0%	15.3%	17.0%
1 worker in past 12 months	49.9%	33.7%	36.2%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	24.1%	51.0%	46.8%

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**Mississippi Congressional District 2**

Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	54,515	177,621	232,136
With one or more people 60 years and over	24.6%	36.8%	33.9%
With children under 18 years	58.7%	29.9%	36.7%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>			
Below poverty level	63.1%	16.8%	27.7%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>			
White	10.0%	43.2%	35.4%
Black or African American	89.2%	55.1%	63.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian	0.1%	0.7%	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%
Two or more races	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	0.6%	1.1%	1.0%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	9.8%	42.6%	34.9%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>			
Median income (dollars)	\$14,891	\$37,917	\$30,822
<b>WORK STATUS</b>			
Families	41,641	115,057	156,698
No workers in past 12 months	29.6%	16.3%	19.8%
1 worker in past 12 months	48.2%	36.5%	39.6%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	22.2%	47.2%	40.5%

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**Mississippi Congressional District 3**

Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	38,543	246,191	284,734
With one or more people 60 years and over	26.5%	36.8%	35.4%
With children under 18 years	56.6%	30.7%	34.2%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>			
Below poverty level	63.2%	12.7%	19.5%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>			
White	32.0%	69.8%	64.7%
Black or African American	65.5%	27.5%	32.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%
Asian	0.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Two or more races	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	1.0%	1.5%	1.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	31.6%	68.9%	63.9%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>			
Median income (dollars)	\$15,042	\$45,205	\$39,289
<b>WORK STATUS</b>			
Families	28,757	163,952	192,709
No workers in past 12 months	28.9%	14.7%	16.8%
1 worker in past 12 months	47.9%	33.5%	35.7%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	23.2%	51.8%	47.5%

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**Mississippi Congressional District 4**

Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	41,958	237,871	279,829
With one or more people 60 years and over	21.4%	36.4%	34.2%
With children under 18 years	61.9%	30.4%	35.1%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>			
Below poverty level	59.7%	12.3%	19.4%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>			
White	52.6%	79.1%	75.1%
Black or African American	44.3%	17.6%	21.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%
Two or more races	1.5%	0.9%	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	1.6%	3.0%	2.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	51.7%	77.0%	73.2%
<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2011 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>			
Median income (dollars)	\$15,732	\$46,973	\$41,215
<b>WORK STATUS</b>			
Families	32,177	162,660	194,837
No workers in past 12 months	24.3%	16.2%	17.5%
1 worker in past 12 months	51.0%	34.7%	37.4%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	24.7%	49.1%	45.1%

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